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(Left) An electrical problem with Missouri Southern freshman Kristin Anderson's car caused a fire to occur yesterday afternoon. The car was parked in the residence hall lot near building 'F'. Another student attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher, but, by that time, the Joplin Fire Department was already on its way. Pictured, a fireman sprays the interior of the car with water. (Above) Anderson inspects damaged materials from the car's glove compartment.

CBHE recommends project for Southern

Leon makes argument for additional funding

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri Southern received approval from the Coordinating Board for Higher Education Friday of a new building that would house the departments of communications and social sciences.

The Board, which convened in Jefferson City, met officially as the CBHE committee on fiscal affairs.

The Board also heard testimony from presidents of public colleges and universities across Missouri on requests for funding. In addition to the new building, Dr. Julio Leon presented Southern's case for further monetary allocation.

"We are a growing institution," said Leon. "We need help. We have to accommodate for the growth that we have made over the past few years."

Leon said he was pleased with the Board's approval of the new building and the support received from Dr. Shalla Aery, commissioner of higher education, and her staff.

"I felt fairly confident that we would receive positive approval," he said. "The only thing that had me concerned was that some of members of the committee would only recommend maintenance and repair."

"I do know that some members of the Board feel very strongly about the need to restrain spending. They know that over the years, the needs sometime exceed reasonable expectations."

Public four-year colleges, such as Southern, Missouri Western, and Harris-Stowe, are recommended to receive 72 percent of their total budget from the state.

A 72 percent allocation would provide Southern in excess of \$13 million. Leon was hoping to receive 75 percent if his request for more funding was approved.

"That extra 3 percent would provide us with approximately \$540,000," he said. "That would be the kind of money we could use to hire more faculty, and that would certainly be a priority as the College grows."

All together, capital improvement requests from all institutions totaled \$365,655,055. The CBHE will recommend \$99,037,652 of that total to the General Assembly for inclusion in the state budget.

In his argument for additional funding, Leon mentioned how Southern has 1,300 more students than Missouri Western and 100 students more than Northwest Missouri State University, and yet the budget recommendation for Western is virtually the same as Southern's and that of Northwest is some \$6 million more.

"I don't mean to put them down or anything of that nature," said Leon. "You have to remember that not all funding has to be based on the number of students enrolled."

"But we are a growing institution, and we have to be able to meet that expansion. We're growing very fast, and all I was saying to the Board was 'Can you help us?'"

Now, recommendations for capital improvements and general appropriations will go to the General Assembly and Gov. John Ashcroft for consideration.

"At least we know the economy is in good shape this year, so we are hopeful," Leon said. "I would assume that the legislature and the governor will feel fairly confident about being able to give us this funding."

"I do feel that if we get a positive response, it should allow us to continue to do the kinds of things that are beginning to give us national recognition."

Another proposal reviewed by the CBHE committee was a salary policy factor that would allow the colleges and universities to give as much as a 10 percent increase in faculty salaries with a portion of the increase based on merit.

The most popular method of increase among committee members was a 3 percent increase across the board with a maximum increase of 7 percent based on merit.

Currently, Southern has a merit-based system which provides a bonus to the top two or three instructors in each department. Institutional presidents generally endorsed the proposed increase, but several were doubtful that enough new money to fund the increases would be available after the legislature and governor made their funding recommendations.

Maintenance and repair of institutional structures was also a topic of concern as several Board members pointed to a potential hazard at Northeast Missouri where a boiler, according to CBHE members, could explode anytime.

"There is a real concern here," said John Koffman, a Board member. "We're talking about critical needs here."

Loretta Moore, another CBHE member, also expressed concern.

"Our buildings are crumbling," Moore said. "We need to make it apparent to the General Assembly that this is a clear issue of concern of not only this Board but also to the institutions."

Koffman suggested that the state stop providing funding for new buildings.

"We are building more buildings, and therefore they'll have to be maintained," he said. "We're going wild in Missouri. We're digging a hole for ourselves unless we put a moratorium on this."

Belk seeks feedback from calendar

Final examination period would expand from four days to five

ROBERT J. SMITH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an attempt to serve the needs of both faculty members and students, the president's committee has submitted a proposed calendar for the fall 1989 and the spring 1991 semesters.

The calendar was submitted by Dr. Ed Belk, vice president for academic affairs, during Tuesday morning's administrative council meeting. Belk gave copies of the proposed calendar to the council members and asked them to "take it back to the departments."

"We would like to have it by Nov. 8 so we can respond to it," Belk said. "There are 15 faculty members and 5,400 students, and they all have an opinion about the calendar. A given calendar works to the advantage of a number of people."

One of the committee's major changes was a four-day to a five-day final examination period.

"Over the years, we have been hearing

from both faculty and students about the four-day calendar," said College President Julio Leon. "The problem relates to grading final examinations."

Another problem Leon cited with the four-day schedule is the number of tests students take each day.

"Under the current system, students have found to have days where they are taking two or three finals," Leon said.

Belk said students would be able to take final examinations during a time closer to when the class actually meets.

"Most faculty and students haven't worked with the five-day exam schedule," Belk said. "The vast majority will enjoy having more time to do things during that week."

Other changes include the elimination of a dead day before the final exams are taken during the fall semesters in 1989 and 1990. During the fall 1989 semester, the proposed schedule has classes ending on a Friday and final exams beginning on a Monday. Belk said students could use

the weekend to study for tests. The dead day will still be part of the spring calendar.

"In the fall, students had requested that we preserve dead day," Leon said. "By having that weekend, there is a two-day break before the start of finals."

The proposed Christmas break would run a week longer than it has in the last two years. Leon said students and faculty used to say the break was too long. In more recent years, complaints about the break being too short have become more common. The calendar includes 23 days from the time finals end in the fall 1989 semester until classes begin in the spring.

Belk said there will have to be "trade-offs" in order to get a final calendar.

"Regardless of personal feelings, you have to do what is best for the students," he said. "If there are real problems with it, we need to change it. It's in no way chiseled in stone."

'Hotline' to assist graduates

JIMMY L. SEXTON
ASSOCIATE PAGE EDITOR

In an effort to further assist Missouri Southern graduates who are new teachers, the education department has installed a "mentoring hotline."

"We want to help first- and second-year teachers as much as possible," said Dr. James Sandrin, head of the department. "It is primarily for Missouri Southern graduates who are new teachers who may have a problem and need someone to help them."

"It's important that they (graduates) have someone to get hold of who can offer them help."

—Dr. James Sandrin, department head of education

The hours for the hotline are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 to noon on Friday. Teachers in the Joplin area may call 625-9309, which is the education department's number. For those outside the Joplin area, they may call Southern's toll-free number 1-800-492-4511.

When using the hotline, the caller should ask for one of the hotline committee members: Sandrin, Rosane Joyner, or Don Ray.

According to Sandrin, those requests that cannot be addressed by someone in the education department (such as a problem concerning biology) will be immediately forwarded to someone knowledgeable in the specific area.

We will do the initial help over the phone," Sandrin said, "but if we can't help, we will find the appropriate help and get it out as soon as we can."

with any problem the teachers have," said Sandrin.

Some of these seminars would cover such areas as classroom management and questioning skills.

"The teachers are being polled to see where they need the help," said Sandrin. "Whatever the polls show they need the most of is what we're going to cover."

Though no calls have been received, because "no one knows of it yet," Sandrin is still enthused about the hotline.

"I think they'll call," he said. "We have a good rapport with our students, and they know we won't abandon them after they leave this institution."

"It's important that they have someone to get hold of who can offer them help. We've always helped our graduates in the past whenever they needed it, but now we're just making it a formal process."



Leigh Sligar

Sligar wins Homecoming queen title

BY ROBERT J. SMITH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Blank-face and somewhat "shocked" might best describe the feelings of Leigh Sligar last Thursday.

Sligar, who was named the 1988 Homecoming queen at Missouri Southern, said it took a few moments for it to sink in when she was named queen.

"First, I was shocked," she said. "A lot of people said my face was blank, and then I realized it was my name they had called."

Sligar, a senior marketing and management major from Monett, was sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda. She is currently the co-chair of the fund-raising committee for the group. Sligar said the group provided "a great deal of help" in her campaign.

"My group made posters," she said. "My roommates helped me a lot."

According to Sligar, the queen candidates became almost campus celebrities.

"Your name and your face is all over school," she said. "People look at you kind of funny because they've seen your face somewhere."

For Sligar, it was just her second opportunity to participate in pageantry.

Please turn to
Homecoming, page 8



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK CORLE

In stride The Missouri Southern Art League displays a banner in the Homecoming parade Saturday.

Stokes requests committee to study grading

Discussion of the new academic calendar highlighted last night's Student Senate meeting.

"Under this calendar, in fall semesters there will be no dead day and a five-day final schedule," said Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services. "In spring semesters, we will have a dead day on Wednesday and a five-day final period beginning on Thursday."

For this semester, Missouri Southern will observe a dead day on Wednesday, and a four-day final schedule.

The Fall 1989 final examination sched-

ule calls for a five-day examination period, with the finals to be given at the time the course is given, with a one-hour break between examination times.

The Senate did not entertain any motions to the new calendar, but elected to "think about it" during the next week and discuss it at next week's meeting.

Also bearing discussion at the Senate meeting was Senate president Robert Stokes' recommendation for a committee to look into Southern's grading system and possible changes for graduating with honors.

"I motion the Student Senate form a committee of five to investigate the possible changes for graduating with honors," said Stokes.

Stokes wants the committee to "not just look at it," but to look into "the whole issue to see how grades are distributed on campus."

According to Stokes, there has been "some dissatisfaction in grading this year," such as a Faculty Senate proposal for a plus/minus grading system, and the mathematics department's proposal to institute a minimum grade requirement of 2.3.

Hearnes campaigns here

Gubernatorial candidate stresses her experience

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
MANAGING EDITOR

Democratic candidate for governor Betty Hearnes made her final swing through Jasper County yesterday, pleading her case to an audience in the Billingsly Student Center.

Hearnes told a group of approximately 40 supporters that her campaign would "be a lot of work."

"I do have a big job ahead of me," Hearnes said. "I thought we needed a different kind of leader."

discussion turned to the topic of how Hearnes would tackle the drug problem, Hearnes attacked Gov. John Ashcroft for his "symbolic" approach rather than taking substantive measures.

"He (Ashcroft) came in on a helicopter, swooped over a field, touched down, pulled up a marijuana plant," she said. "That's fine for attracting attention, but it's no solution to the problem."

Randy McConnell, Hearnes' rival, has said she believes the election is moot. On this year's national election, the Democratic party has called

"I have long supported the endeavors of Southern and higher education in general. I am pleased with the accomplishments of this institution."

—Betty Hearnes, gubernatorial candidate

Throughout her address, Hearnes referred to her "numerous" years in the General Assembly, as well as her participation in 12 statewide campaigns.

"I have the experience that is necessary to this position," she said. "I know this state, and I am well aware of the needs of the Missouri people."

Higher education, especially at Missouri Southern, was a focal point of Hearnes' speech.

"I was around when you (Southern) were just being talked about," she said. "I have long supported the endeavors of Southern and higher education in general. I am pleased with the accomplishments of this institution."

During a question-and-answer session,

re-introduction of ERA.

Concerning abortion, an issue that divides Republicans and Democrats, Hearnes is pro-life, which differs from the Democratic platform.

Hearnes also referred to critics of her campaign, who charge she is running the coat-tails of husband Warren Hearnes.

"John Ashcroft is running against me and nobody else," said Hearnes. "I am not running against Warren Hearnes and I am not running against John Ashcroft."

Additionally, Hearnes mentioned campaign funds, which fall short of the amount spent by the Ashcroft campaign.

"I'm running a grass roots campaign," she said.

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New shows are in works MSTV may add newscast

BY ROBBIE SEVERS
STAFF WRITER

The anchors might not be William Hurt, Albert Brooks, or Holly Hunter, but the *Around Campus* newscast should prove to be a learning experience for several Missouri Southern students.

"If [the newscast] will be used for students to get practical experience in reporting," said Southern junior Kent Huff, producer of *Around Campus*. "The show was originally brought up in a production class as an assignment."

Around Campus was introduced to the MSTV board yesterday. About 20 students involved in reporting, directing, and producing news stories about Southern. "The first show is a pilot," said Huff. "I'll do whatever has to be done to help it, and I hope it continues from now on." Doug Musick, the director, has high hopes for the newscast.

"Even though it's still in the experimental stages, we hope to get it off the ground and have *Around Campus* still in operation in five years," said Musick.

The show is set to air on Wednesday evenings beginning next week.

Another addition to MSTV is *Jean Campbell's Showcase*.

The show will feature Campbell, a staff assistant at Southern, who will interview individuals from the community.

"The purpose is that we inform and entertain and give useful, practical experience for our listeners, and, at the same time, we create an opportunity for the learning process to happen here," said Campbell. "I think it should be mutually beneficial to the community and to the college for us to do this."

Campbell will host a show five days per week, discussing mainly "how to" topics. There will be cooking shows, gardening tips, beauty and health insights, and news about history.

"The people who will underwrite our program will be acknowledged for the donation of any materials," she said.



Moving on Dr. L. Keith Larimore, professor of business, will leave Southern at the end of the spring semester to take a teaching position at Radford University in Virginia.

Larimore to leave College

Business professor will accept Radford position

BY JOHN FORD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Having taught at Missouri Southern for 22 years, Dr. L. Keith Larimore has announced his resignation, effective at the end of the spring semester.

Larimore, professor of business administration, will accept a full professorship at Radford (Va.) University.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I'll be teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in marketing."

This, however, will not be the first time Larimore has taught at the graduate level.

"I taught graduate school at the University of Arkansas in the early 70s," he said. "I enjoyed my experience there very much."

Larimore, among the highest-paid faculty members at Southern, said he would receive a "substantial" increase in salary by accepting the position.

He began teaching at the College in 1966, serving as division chairman (a position similar to the current title of dean) of business. He served in this capacity until 1976, when he returned to the classroom full-time to pursue research, consulting, and business activities.

"We started off with just a couple of faculty members," said Larimore. "The school of business has really grown in body count. It's maintained its share of students at the College. It has always been

that the largest percentage of students at the College are in business administration, 30 to 33 percent."

Larimore said he resigned as dean of the school of business in 1976 because "I enjoy teaching."

At one time, he was granted a leave of absence from the College to teach in a graduate management program in Europe for the University of Arkansas. He did this in cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United States Air Force. Part of Larimore's duties included teaching graduate courses in marketing, management, and economics to U.S. and allied officers in Turkey and Greece.

Larimore has had numerous articles published, including four within the last year.

"I enjoy consulting and writing," he said.

He also is involved with two local consulting firms, Larimore Training and Development, and Professional Management Services. Started in 1970, these businesses provide clients with several types of services, including management development programs and seminars.

Dr. Robert Brown, dean of the school of business administration, said the search for a faculty member to take Larimore's place is "going on."

"He's a senior faculty member," said Brown. "It's not easy to replace such a person."

Digital audio tape machines will improve KXMS clarity

With installation to be completed sometime this week, KXMS will soon be using a new technological advance.

DATs, or digital audio tape machines, will provide additional sound clarity to the music which KXMS broadcasts.

"We may be the only station in town with DAT capabilities," said Dr. Robert Clark, associate professor of communications and KXMS general manager. "The machine operates in much the same way as a VCR."

"It has a revolving playback head like

a VCR. The tape goes in one way, plays only on one side, and you must rewind it at the end like a videotape."

Clark said the station obtained the DATs at a cost of nearly \$3,000 each. The station already has two of the players.

"The players will allow us to reduce the amount of noise (hissing and feedback) in our broadcasts," he said. "Basically, we got them to record off of the satellites."

"Right now, the satellite signal comes through in analog only. In the future, if the signals come in on digital, we'll be able to record in digital."

Clark said DATs were currently being used in Europe and Japan in homes, but were not offered in the U.S. because the record companies fear that people would use the players to make several copies of a recording for friends.

"With the players, you can make numerous copies with no deterioration of sound quality," said Clark. "Every copy will be the same. The record companies would have numerous suits, but you can't keep a product off the market forever."

"They could code the tapes so that after you made a copy, you could not make

another copy from that copy."

According to Clark, the players offer digital recording, as in a compact disk player, in a tape format. Sound clarity and quality rival a CD.

"For the stereo buffs out there, the tape offers a frequency response of 10 hertz to 22,000 hertz, while cassettes and reel-to-reel formats offer a frequency response of 20 or 30 hertz to 15,000. The signal-to-noise ratio is over 93 decibels, while most analog formats are around 60."

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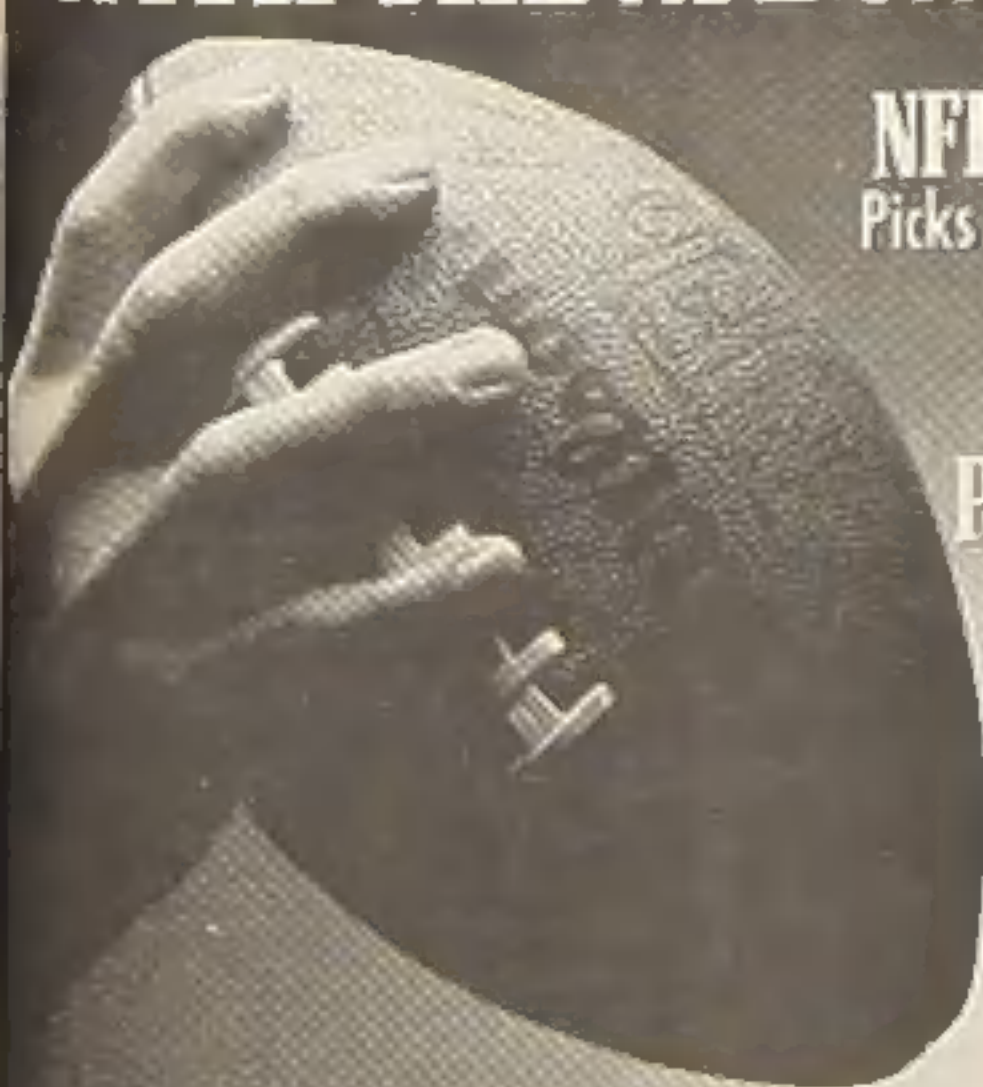
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Leon's efforts bring building one step closer

The prospect for a new building that would house the departments of communications and social sciences is much brighter, due primarily to the efforts of College President Julio Leon.

On Friday, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education met in Jefferson City to review and take action on requests made by public colleges and universities across Missouri. Southern made its request for a new building, which would cost nearly \$7 million. The CBHE approved the request, and said it would recommend to the General Assembly that the College receive funding for construction. During the session, presidents from higher education institutions presented their cases as to why they should receive funding for various projects.

In his address to the CBHE, Leon was praised for presenting the position of the College in an "eloquent" and "precise" manner. He demonstrated not only Southern's need for a new building, but additional funding as well. As Southern's enrollment continues to increase, the need for expansion of our facilities will follow. The CBHE is an organization that is vital to our interests in the growth of this institution. We depend on someone like Leon to make our needs crystal clear to the CBHE so it will take whatever action is necessary.

Leon said that without the CBHE's recommendation, the chances for a new building were "not so good." Now, Leon put those chances at "around 60 to 70 percent." Let's hope the General Assembly will be able to appreciate our concerns just as the CBHE does.

Seniors should file papers early

Seniors wanting to graduate in May are always encouraged to file their applications as soon as possible with the registrar's office.

The deadline for applications was Tuesday. While Dr. Eugene Mouser, registrar, will still accept applications, it would be to the advantage of the student to file immediately. Procrastination only makes graduation more of a hassle.

By filing now, the registrar's office will be able to examine a student's credit hours and then inform the student what classes are needed to graduate.

Graduation applications that are turned in at a reasonable time are advantageous not only to the registrar's office, but most importantly, to the students.

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Room 117 of Hearnes Hall by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

I find it disturbing when Sexton's opinion is printed

The right to have an opinion, good, bad or indifferent, is a freedom that all citizens of our country enjoy. However, I find it quite disturbing when an opinion, like "young" Jimmy Sexton's, is actually printed in our school paper.

I realize that the Public Forum is an avenue that allows people the opportunity to express their convictions, but shouldn't these opinions have some resemblance to intelligent thought? Suggesting that a person should prove their worth to society, upon reaching age sixty, is

absurd! Jimmy wants us to believe that old people drive too slowly, occupy too many high level positions in business, and no longer have the capabilities to function in today's fast-paced technological world. These statements are insulting, not only to our elders, but to any person capable of reasoned thinking. By my estimation, Jimmy fails the same "Elderly Guidelines" test he endorses. Where does his article demonstrate common sense, mental alertness, or knowledge of current events? The best advice I can offer Jimmy is, back up,

reevaluate your thoughts, and write an article that has social and journalistic merit.

I'm sure that Jimmy Sexton is a nice guy, and might possibly go on to do great things in his chosen profession (surely not journalism). I only hope that, before Jimmy offers us another opinion in public print, he asks himself one question, "Does this make me sound like an ass?"

Hoping for change,
Keith Espinosa



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Journalists have numerous shortcomings

BY ROBERT J. SMITH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If I have learned nothing else about journalism during my time with *The Chart*, I have discovered something about the people who are journalists. And for that matter, something about people in general.

By any stretch of the imagination, journalists are not perfect. We all like to think we are perfect, but we realize we are not. For that matter, not even close to perfect.

I think the job of the journalist has remained the same—to accurately report the news. Many times, journalists fail to do this job.

In some ways, journalists are much like umpires. The manager may argue a call until he is blue in the face, but the umpire is not going to change his call. The journalist is the same. The public may have a poor perception of some newspapers because many arrogant reporters refuse to admit they made a mistake. Instead of claiming that an error



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wasn't our fault, we should empathize with the reader who called the problem to our attention and promise to do better next time.

Another problem comes when a source insists he or she was misquoted, taken out of context, or that the reporter just made things up for the purpose of news. Rarely does either side give or budge. Whom do I believe? My reporters or their sources?

While writing this column, I made an error. I first wrote "Who do I believe?" then was informed it should be "Whom do I believe." Particularly in my case, grammar is sometimes poor.

Some errors are obvious. The best example I have comes from one of my own blunders. During my first year with *The Chart*, I wrote a feature story on a new city official. The official told me he used to be a "workaholic," but when I typed my story into the system my hands created the word "workalcoholic." There's no arguing this point. My error was obvious, and I will never forget it (or live it down).

Another *Chart* reporter, referred in print to a man named George Krickhaus. But he failed to do any checking and spelled the man's last name

"Creekhouse." Fortunately, this error was before the newspaper went to press.

Other errors aren't so obvious. Sometimes individuals are misquoted. The misquote is a culpable error, but it happens in virtually every newspaper. Reporters are accused of misquoting a source for two reasons. First, the reporter didn't write down what the person actually said, or misunderstood the information. The possibility is that the quoted person forgot he said, or denied uttering a controversial statement when criticized by his colleagues. Whom do I believe? The misquoted or my reporter?

If I have a complaint about the public, I sometimes make myself uncomfortable by writing the press. Often a *Chart* reporter will dial a number so many times that he starts wondering if the needed person is ever in his office.

Two days ago, I contacted a state politician. After fighting my way through the retaries and assistants, I did get a chance to talk to the candidate. His first line was "This is going to take over three minutes, is it?" The amount of time I needed to ask several questions about his views on the upcoming election.

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'Assessment' is much more than 'testing'

BY DR. BETTY ISRAEL
DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT

"Assessment" is the current "buzz word" on campuses across the nation. It is spoken of with reverence by some, anger by others, and concern by most. A freshman student at MSSC recently expressed a sincere concern when he asked this author, "Just what is this assessment stuff all about anyway?" There have been many attempts by those of national repute to answer that question.

Most of us on the firing line (so to speak) are still searching for answers. Critics of American education have bombarded educators at all levels with questions about the quality (or lack of quality) of most educational programs in both public schools and in colleges everywhere. Perhaps that is what this "assessment stuff is all about": the search for answers to improve the quality of student learning.

The improvement of American education has been a public concern and a political issue for



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some time. Back in the 1950's, the "race for space" was dimly lost when the Russians launched Sputnik first. The federal government "assessed" the situation and concluded that American education was behind in science and mathematics. Large amounts of federal funds were poured into the United States Department of Education and the improvement of American education.

The "buzz word" on campuses everywhere was "accountability" and the primary method used to determine that accountability was the standardized test. By 1969, the National Assessment of Educational Progress project had been created by the Education Commission of the States to measure growth or decline in selected aspects of the educational attainments of young Americans and to make that information available to determine areas for improvement. "Assessment" became synonymous with "testing."

Through the 1970's, average scores on college entrance tests (such as the ACT and the SAT) declined and questions of the effectiveness of the American educational system grew. By 1980, the federal government, some states, private founda-

tions, and some educational institutions began to make concentrated efforts to find answers to those questions.

The national reports published since then have chronicled the quality and problems of American education at all levels. The early reports were primarily directed at secondary education. Undergraduate education was not ignored. Both public school and college programs were fodder for their cannons. Mandates for improvement came from administrators, faculty, students, and politicians.

Assessment on the college level has been developing since the earliest report. At first, approaches centered around the use of standardized tests (such as the ACT College Outcomes Measures Program and the ETS Academic Proficiency Test) to determine student general education attainment from a core curriculum and major field. This type of testing has been used to determine a growth factor for students graduating from a particular institution and to determine areas for improvement.

Since 1985, "assessment" has been redefined. It is no longer solely synonymous with "testing."

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I was amused, horrified to see a 'Chart' at the Springfield airport

Last weekend, I saw a copy of the Oct. 20 issue of *The Chart* in the waiting area of the Springfield Regional Airport. At first I was amused to find our newspaper in such an unlikely place. I then became horrified when I remembered Jimmy Sexton's editorial. When *The Chart* publishes editorials which erect straw-man arguments against one segment of society or another, it attracts attention and generates discussion on campus. But it also represents Southern to people (e.g. travelers through Springfield) who may never

have and consequently never want any other contact with our school. If it's important for students to "dress-for-success" when meeting employers on campus, then it's even more important for Southern's contact with the public via *The Chart* to contain clear, well-reasoned opinion on important ideas.

Because one's writing reflects one's thinking, it is a shame that the recent editorials

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Underground creates cool storage

Warehouse serves a few hundred clients across the United States

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

"What you don't see may surprise you" is the phrase used by The Underground in Carthage to promote business.

"We're a public storage warehouse," said Bob McClendon, executive vice president/general manager. "We store frozen, refrigerated, and dry goods for people across the country."

The Underground is a division of the Carthage Marble Corporation.

"We were first developed by the demand for crushed stone," he said. "We mined almost pure calcium carbonate, which is used for manufacturing glass, asphalt, and roofing shingles."

"Since there was all this space down here, we decided to use it as a warehouse." The Underground, established in 1968, currently has 45 acres (two million square feet) of storage space. It is equipped "with state-of-the-art refrigeration and monitoring technology to protect a wide variety of products."

"We're just a low-key company which does business nationwide."

An additional 70 acres (three million square feet) is ready for development, which would provide more space for corporate offices.

With a few hundred clients already, The Underground steadily attracts new accounts. McClendon said "there is always room for additional storage space."

Nestled in a small town "in the heart of America," The Underground is located

in the middle of one of the nation's vastly growing trucking networks.

The storage facilities are 45 feet below the surface, 37 feet of which is rock, with the other eight feet consisting of soil and loose rocks.

On the surface, The Underground leases out land for agricultural purposes.

"We have developed a rather large walnut grove also," said McClendon.

Included in the Underground Racquet Club, which offers its two tennis courts to members only. The cost is \$200 per member per year, with no court fees. Members may play 24 hours a day, but must have reservations.

"We did it as an experiment," said McClendon, "and there has been a great acceptance by the public."

"We have thoughts for potentially expanding the recreation area."

The Underground operates six days per week, from 7 a.m. to midnight. It has less than 60 employees, including office staff, dockworkers, and security personnel.

"Part of our business is to move as much product as we can," McClendon said, "and still keep a low overhead."

Bicycles and golf carts are often used by employees to move from one place to another. McClendon said it would take about two hours to walk through the entire facility.

"Most everything is mechanically loaded and unloaded here. It makes it a lot easier and more economical."

McClendon said safety "is the top priority here." With so few employees and a lot of mechanization, accidents are rare.

In keeping with the safety standards, The Underground's entire facilities are scrubbed daily.

"The building is fire proof," McClendon said. "We have 24-hour fire protection monitoring, plus we can seal off the room (which would cause the fire to extinguish itself)."

The Underground also is home to Duffy Distributors, Inc., which leases approximately 55,000 to 60,000 square feet in storage and office spaces.

Duffy Distributors has been in The Underground since forming in 1978. Handling such beverages as Coors, Pabst, and E. Heilman, Duffy serves 11 counties in southwest Missouri.

Duffy is a pre-sale beer distributor, which means they sell the beer, and then deliver it.

"We are developing an additional 60 acres which would be used for industrial purposes," McClendon said.

According to McClendon, there are a few underground warehouses in the area, but only the one in Kansas City has facilities similar to The Underground's.

Because of its unique storage space, rumors persist that The Underground is a fallout facility with a three-year food supply that can maintain the populations of Joplin and Carthage.

McClendon said he "can't address" the fallout shelter possibility.

"It's a private-held corporation, and I cannot comment on that matter," he said. "I don't even know the specifics for a fallout shelter."

Opal Johnson, director of civil defense



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Warning

A sign warns visitors that the United States Department of Defense stores classified materials at The Underground in Carthage. The Defense Department has stored materials at the facility for 15 years.

in Carthage, said The Underground would probably be used in an emergency.

"It is marked that way with the national civil defense office," said Johnson.

"It is my feeling that the government would take over and use it for the people, but only in an emergency."

Carthage Mayor Harry Rogers said The

Underground would make an "ideal" place for such an emergency.

McClendon said part of his job is to tour the nation marketing the facility.

"The warehouse business is very competitive, and you must work hard to attract the potential customer."

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show Southern students as illogical and superficial. I am disappointed that The Chart staff doesn't lead the campus in writing enlightened and well-researched analysis of issues more significant than who opens door for whom

on dates, or the driving habits of the elderly.

Cwendolyn K. Mordock, Ph.D.
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Why do we have just Pepsi?

In 1787 the Constitution was written. This document insured the freedom of choice for all American citizens. I am an American citizen and I believe Missouri Southern is depriving me my freedom of choice. Pepsi, Pepsi, Pepsi. Has this company monopolized the market on soft drinks? I feel it is an un-

just act to make a student drive off-campus to obtain a Coca-Cola. May I please have an explanation and a possible solution to the Coca-Cola shortage on Southern's campus.

Sincerely,
Robin Douglas

Let's deal with smoking issue

Did you know that just designating "smoking/no smoking" areas within MSSC buildings doesn't eliminate from our air the harmful agents that are produced by smokers? The American Lung Association cites tar, nicotine, carbon monoxide, cadmium, nitrogen dioxide, ammonia, benzene, formaldehyde, hydrogen sulphide, "and dozens of others" than can "assault the body and cause trouble." Smokers put these harmful agents into our air—into our bloodstreams. The A.L.A. further states that "Even when a smoker inhales, researchers have calculated that two-thirds of the smoke from the burning cigarette goes into the environment. The percentage of pollution from cigar and pipe smoke is even higher."

The Chart's article reporting on the Faculty Senate meeting was very informative. "Enforcement problems" were mentioned. It is always necessary for society to determine what action is appropriate for acts against its citizens. Enforcement and penalty decisions need to be addressed by the Administration just as for any other campus rules. The tail shouldn't be allowed to wag the dog. There is a higher priority of right and wrong.

If people want to poison themselves, that may be "their business." Is poisoning others in that same domain? Do you have the "right" to poison me? The courts have sided with non-smokers in cases involving damages and disability payments when employers do nothing to restrict smoking (for example: weekly compensation for chronic asthma and bronchitis, payment of medical expenses, and even granting permanent disability benefits).

In the article, one professor is quoted as saying, "Cars also put out carcinogens" so we would have to prohibit students from driving to campus if we banned smoking campus-wide. Would it then follow that if we can't address every problem, we should address none? Would this mean that if, for instance, we can't solve all crime, we should quit fighting crime? I'm sorry, but I don't agree that we should not deal with hazardous effects of tobacco just because there are also other pollutants. In fact, this may be all the more reason for our dealing with the ones we can control, especially inside our buildings.

Sue Gabbert

Writer should get his facts straight regarding the elderly

Thank you very much, Jimmy Sexton! I just had my 65th birthday last month! I wish you had written sooner so that I could have made plans to retire! I was asked if I was going to retire and my answer was a definite "No!" I have been with Missouri Southern for 6 very happy years and I had planned on a few more. I was 59 years old before I even learned to drive (and learned quite well, thank you) and I was 60 years old when I learned to use the computer. Just ask the faculty at the Psychology Department if I am too

OLD for this job.

I live with my parents who are 67 and 88 years old! My mother was so insulted when I showed her your editorial. Don't be surprised if you get a letter from her! I'd also like to see you get into a bridge game with her!

You should look into your facts and statistics regarding the elderly before you write such a "know-it-all" piece.

Mildred Long, Secretary
Psychology Department

Duffy sells products in 11 counties

Carthage beer distributor handles 'about 375 different brand packages'

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Priding itself for being the first Coors distributor to legally sell the beer in the state, Duffy Distributors, Inc. handles beer and some non-alcoholic products in 11 counties in southwest Missouri. "Basically, we're a beer distributor," said Tom Hergenrother, general manager. "Our main function is to deliver beer."

According to Hergenrother, Corona is the largest import in the area.

"We are the only pre-sale beer distributorship in southwest Missouri," Hergenrother said. "By that, I mean we take orders for the beer and then deliver."

The salesmen go out and take orders and call them in. The computer arranges the load, and the order is placed on the truck and delivered in one day.

"We carry about 375 different brand

distributorship.

"Each brewery has territorial rights," Hergenrother said. "The brewery then designates to you the area to sell their brand."

"It ran until February 1982, when we purchased Slater Distributing from Monett and moved it to The Underground."

In the next three years, Duffy acquired G. Heilman Brewing, Pearl Brewing, and Empire Beverage.

"We started with seven people and selling between 250,000 and 300,000 cases a year," said Hergenrother. "Now, we employ 22 people and sell approximately 750,000 cases a year."

Duffy Distributors leases approximately 55,000 to 60,000 square feet from The Underground. Three thousand is office space, 6,000 is in cooler storage, and 10,000 is dry storage (beer).

"The remaining space is for cooperage storage," Hergenrother said. "Truck loading, empty pallets, empty kegs, and bottles are all stored here."

Hergenrother said Duffy is located in a "unique" facility with the tremendous advantage for high potential growth in size.

"The Underground gave us the opportunity to come into business very quickly, and they offered us everything Coors required."

"We are the only pre-sale beer distributorship in southwest Missouri. By that, I mean we take orders for the beer and then deliver."

—Tom Hergenrother, general manager

Duffy operates five routes covering such counties as Newton, McDonald, Jasper, Vernon, and Taney, using 11 trucks, four vans, and seven "small S-10 and Mazda pickups."

While primarily distributing beverages such as Corona, Molson, Foster's, Dos Equis, Coors, and Pabst, Duffy also handles non-alcoholic products including New York Seltzer and pickled eggs.

packages," Hergenrother said. "Six-pack can, six-pack bottles, and 12-packs are some of these packages."

"One of the reasons we are a pre-sale distributor is that we can't fit all of our packages on the truck, so we take orders and deliver them."

Duffy Distributors, founded in August 1978 by John R. Duffy, began business when Duffy was awarded the Coors



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Choo-choo

The Union Pacific Railroad, which is the main line running through The Underground, and the Burlington Northern Railroad carry dry goods in and out of the Carthage storage facility.

Club plans pizza party

Catholic student organization offers retreats

BY JULIE SPRADLING
STAFF WRITER

Newman Club, the Catholic student organization at Missouri Southern, is a group of which all Catholic students at the College are welcomed as members.

Rev. David Miller, chaplain of Newman Club, said he enjoys working with college students. The students discuss "good, refreshing issues dealing with the same problems that other students their age also have."

"When you give of your heart to activities, it always comes back," said Miller, "and I have been very blessed in that way."

The club is planning a pizza party on election night at the rectory of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 217 S. Oranogo Street in Webb City.

"We will all get together to cheer and boo our favorite candidates," said Miller. Miller, pastor at Sacred Heart, has been involved with Newman Club for three years.

Newman Club meets at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center for a fellowship and mass. Miller said he treats those members of the group who have time to lunch after mass.

All Catholic students are welcomed as members said Miller. Currently, there are about 65 students on Newman Club's mailing list. Non-Catholic students are

also invited to attend.

The club's officers include: Jeff Wellman, president; Mark Mulik, vice president; Barbara Chapman, secretary; and Tom Bartkowiak, treasurer. The faculty adviser is Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology.

Newman Club offers religious retreats and outings for its members. On the first weekend in November the group will participate in a retreat coupling with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. It will be a spiritual and a social retreat, discussion, reflection time, private and group prayer.

The retreats help the students discover their own identity and how they fit into campus life as well as society said Miller.

The retreats are for the Catholics only because there is confession, mass, and communion, and only Catholics may partake of communion.

He said a "small fee" is charged for the retreats.

There will be another retreat later in November at Springfield. The annual meeting of all Newman Club representatives will be in the spring.

Miller sends out a letter to all members "about once a month" asking for their attendance and support.

Several Newman Club members also participate in convert class at the church. The class meets at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. It is an eight-month course on the Roman Catholic Church.

Religious group provides fellowship for members

Promoting Christianity and fellowship, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a non-denominational religious group.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is made up of "two common denominators," according to Chuck Williams, head of men's basketball coach at Missouri Southern and faculty adviser to the FCA. "The Christianity and the athletics."

The FCA tries to unite athletes, coaches, and youths in "following Christ and serving in fellowship of the church and their vocations," said Williams.

The group is non-denominational and is composed of varied types of people.

"We don't limit the group to people with the ability for college athletics," said Williams.

Members include current athletes and coaches at Southern and anyone with an interest in athletics or a history of athletics in high school.

"Part of our purpose is fellowship," said Williams. "It's an organization where we get athletes or people with a background in athletics together with others who have an interest in athletics and at the same time promote Christianity," said Williams.

There has been an interest in the FCA since the group started in 1978, Williams first year at Southern.

"Interests vary," said Williams. "From year to year they are sometimes stronger. This year there is a very strong interest."

This year, the FCA participated in homecoming activities. They made banners and entered the parade. They are also "hoping to bring some speakers into some meetings and have talked but not formalized plans for a fundraiser," said Williams.

FCA's president this year is Jim Probst, and the group's vice president is Eva Feldmann.



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Parade

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the Student America Dental Hygients Association ride their first-place float in Missouri Southern's Homecoming parade last Saturday.

SAGE brings together people with need

Though it has not met formally this year, SAGE meets a need of many students at Missouri Southern.

Students Achieving Greater Education (SAGE) is a club for non-traditional students.

"Most of the members are adults with families and jobs," said Ann Allman, adviser to SAGE.

In an active year, SAGE gets involved in activities such as Homecoming, dinners, and service organizations. According to Allman, this is not a particularly active year.

"It's not a formal club with regular meetings," said Allman. "The informal organization works much better."

SAGE also works as a support group for students.

"Many students don't want a club," she said. "They just want a supportive person to be there when they need one."

"If a non-traditional student has a problem, it is most likely that what they need is a lift to work or something like that."

The members share their addresses and phone numbers and often make open offers to help other students.

"What I hope to accomplish next year is to reach into the dormitories," said Allman. "There are a lot of non-traditional students who live in the dorms and don't feel comfortable yet."

Meetings have not been scheduled, officers have not been chosen.

"It's too late for regular 'peppered' meetings, but we still hope to accomplish some things," said Allman. "Our goal is to bring people together who can help each other."

Omicron Delta Epsilon recognizes success

Recognizing outstanding scholastic achievements in economics is the main goal of ODE.

Omicron Delta Epsilon is an international honor society in economics. It has chapters throughout the world.

Any junior or senior with an overall grade-point average of 3.0 or better and with at least nine hours of economics courses can become members. There is a one-time fee of \$30.

"It is a lifetime membership, I believe. So far we have more than 500 members—not active—but those are the ones who have joined in the past," said Dr. Jasbir

Jaswal, faculty adviser to ODE. "This is our 11th year, and every semester on the average we get about 15 members."

There is no formal agenda, according to Jaswal, and the officers meet "once in a while." There is a yearly banquet held during the second week of November when every member, both active and non-active, is invited to attend.

This year the banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Kitchen Pass restaurant. Mike Riggs, president of Able Body Corporation in Joplin, will be the guest speaker.

"At that banquet we give out two scho-



laristic awards. In the past we have given \$75 per person. We also have a prize," said Jaswal.

Officers are Delores Motley, president; Lisa Hartman, vice president; Paige Berry, secretary; and Iona Ellis, treasurer.

The officers are involved in the membership drive and in organizing the banquet. They are also involved in finding a speaker for the banquet and selecting winners of the awards.

"Other than that they just socialize, meet with other people in economics with similar interests," said Jaswal.

Upcoming Events

Today	Octoberfest Buffet Connor Ballroom 10:40 a.m.		LDSSA Room 311 BSC Noon	
Tomorrow		Volleyball at NAIA		CAB Concert Restless Heart Taylor Performing Arts Center 8 p.m.
Saturday	Soccer vs. Southwest Mo. State Univ. 1:30 p.m.	Dist. 16 Tournament TBA		Football vs. Wayne State 1:30 p.m.
Monday	Koinonia Room 311, 314 BSC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.		Sigma Nu Room 311 BSC 5:30 p.m.	CAB Movie "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"
Tuesday	LDSSA Room 311 BSC Noon	Newman Club Room 314 BSC Noon	Film Society Connor Ballroom BSC 7:30 p.m.	7 and 9:30 p.m. Outdoors
Wednesday	ECM Room 311 BSC 12:30 p.m.	International Club Room 313 BSC 2 p.m.		Student Senate Room 310 BSC 5:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

who pre-enroll must go to the financial aid office and make sure financial aid is correct for the spring semester or it could be wrong.

Enrollment may be delayed; financial aid checks may not be written.

Production will run Nov. 9-12

Southern Theatre will be opening an area premiere of *Fool For Love* Nov. 9-12 at the Barn Theatre. *Fool For Love*, the latest play by Sam Shepard, was called a hit in San Francisco and New York and was also turned into a successful film. This marks the first time this play has been put on in this area. Seating is limited and reservations are suggested. The play deals with the love/hate relationship of a half-brother and sister and their memories of their father. Set in a cheap motel room on the edge of the Mojave Desert in California, the story probes the dark, inner space of family memories. This production is not recommended for young children. *Fool For Love* is directed by Duane Hunt. Costume and set design is by Brenda Jackson. The lighting design and special effects are by Sam Claussen. Sound design is by Douglas Hill, with Tamara Salvaterra in charge of properties. Special lobby decor for the play is being done by Brad Ellefsen. Execution of design efforts are being created by the costume, set, and electric laboratory students. Reserved seat tickets may be obtained by calling 625-9393 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Curtain time is 8 p.m. nightly.



Class project Jim Johnson, a junior at Missouri Southern, shapes a piece of pottery on the wheel during an art class.

Group will show film Tuesday 'Dersu Uzala' concerns efforts of Russian soldiers

The fourth in the series of the Missouri Southern Film Society's films, *Dersu Uzala*, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. Filmmaker Akira Kurosawa's *Dersu Uzala* investigates the incapability of defeating the human spirit. Set at the turn of the century in Siberia, the film concerns the efforts of a party of Russian soldiers to chart the vast wilderness. During their expedition, they meet a native hunter called Dersu Uzala, who agrees to act as the group's guide. He takes them through the unmapped land, and, on more than one occasion, his extensive knowledge of the wilderness and his uncanny communication with nature saves the men from destruction. When the expedition ends, the captain of the company, who is concerned about the aging Dersu, convinces the hunter to return with him to the city. But Dersu's heart lies elsewhere. The film was filmed entirely on location in Siberia as a Japanese-Russian co-production.

A comment by Roger Ebert of the *Chicago Sun-Times* states, "The movie is as clear as spring water, as simple as a lullaby, as deep as loyalty. Kurosawa, the great Japanese filmmaker, has never shown more courage than in making a film this simple and open." The film was praised by *Newsweek* as, "An awesome portrait of man and nature... (it) has passages of great warmth, as well as a memorable performance by the bow-legged little Munzuk." Joy Cocks of *Newsweek* stated, "Kurosawa is one of the few epic poets of the cinema, and his new movie brings moments of real majesty." Season tickets for the remaining nine programs are still on sale at the Southern ticket office on the first floor of the Billingsly Student Center at \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens or students. Single admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens or students.

Team sweeps tournament Debaters are preparing for November competition

Competing in the Southwest Missouri State University debate tournament last weekend, Missouri Southern's debate team was able to win the coveted overall sweepstakes award. "This award proves that Southern was the best representative team in both individual events and debate," said Dave Delaney, Southern debate coach. Delaney said the tournament was large, with 32 teams participating. He also said the team has never won the sweepstakes

Stephen Doubleday won five rounds and lost only one. Pam Smith and Paul Hood finished 4-2, and the team of Greg Frewitt and Diane Hampton finished 3-3. Delaney said he also thought the win was evident of the talent of the freshmen and sophomore members. "All but one of our freshmen competed in the national tournament in high school," he said. "This indicates a very talented group." With this victory under its belt, the

"All but one of our freshmen competed in the national tournament in high school. This indicates a very talented group."
—Dave Delaney, Southern debate coach

before. The team placed five people in the final competitions and won one trophy. Delaney said the award represented a "good thing" for the team and credited the win with the fact that the Southern team had a number of competitors. "Our win proves that the team is well-balanced," said freshman team member Jim Evans. During the tournament, John Kerney placed sixth in communication analysis and sixth in impromptu speaking. Jim Evans placed third in dramatic interpretation, Kevin Doss won fifth place in communication analysis, and Rob Luther and Todd Yearnton placed fifth in dramatic duet. In debate team action, Evans and

team is now preparing for the upcoming Central State University competition in Edmond, Okla. on Nov. 11-12. Delaney is anticipating a large tournament with the competition being more difficult and of a higher quality. "We hope to continue to build the team," he said. "I think the win at SMSU will provide us with a good foundation." "We have no where to go but up," said Evans. "We are expecting a really tough tourney." Seeing the competition as being "the toughest in the nation," Delaney said two first-ranked teams will be involved in the tournament. "We will be competing against bigger schools with bigger budgets, but I think we will hold our own," he said.

'The Magic of Vaudeville' will be performed Show features a cappella quartet from Dallas

The Show-Me Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., will present "The Magic of Vaudeville" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, in Taylor Auditorium at Missouri Southern. Class of the 80's, a special guest quartet from Dallas, will be a part of the presentation. Aside from singing a cappella, the group also performs several selections with instrumental back-up in the styles of groups like the Four Freshmen and the Manhattan Transfer. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 and can be purchased at the Green-Yates GE Store, Howsmon's Office Supply, or Wicks 'N' Sticks, all in Joplin. The show also will be presented at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami.



A cappella group 'Class of the 80's,' a group similar in style to the 'Four Freshmen' and the 'Manhattan Transfer,' will be featured in a Nov. 5 show at Taylor Auditorium.

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ushed, hurried, and even somewhat attended. Typographical errors are sometimes a problem for our newspaper. I can have two or three students proofread a particular story, but they may all miss [sic] the same mistake. Take the caption under the photo of quarterback Alan Brown last week. Instead of saying he threw for 1,835 yards, we said Brown threw for 1,835 yards. Meet Alan Brown, folks—the oldest man in America. As part of all these mistakes, we are often guilty of biting off more than we can chew. I may assign a student three or

four stories for a certain edition, knowing that he or she will not have adequate time to do background research, conduct interviews, and write each story. Add to those responsibilities part-time jobs and attending classes, the reporter becomes a responsibility juggler. Sometimes we stress quantity instead of quality. I've made plenty of mistakes during my four years at Southern, and I've watched other staff members make just as many. Because we've made these mistakes and learned from them, we should all make better journalists once (or if) we graduate.

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While standardized testing is still a major part of a total assessment program, the "value added" for students is a result of not only class instruction, but also interaction with faculty and other students, involvement in activities, personal motivation, chosen majors, use of support services, among others. Assessment is an on-going process for determining the effect of all that a college offers for a student's education and individual growth as a participating member of society at large. It is a formidable task that involves everyone on a campus. Administrators and faculty must make informed decisions about the goals and objectives of the various programs. Assessment data can help. The formalized assessment program at Missouri Southern includes standardized testing, questionnaires, opinionnaires, and

use of existing data. It is still in the developmental stages. The Board of Regents approved a policy last May that requires all students to participate in assessment. What types of tests are used may change and may vary from department to department. What should not change is the purpose of all assessment methods: the improvement of programs for the long-range benefit of students. Whatever types of assessment data are obtained at Missouri Southern, I am sure that as many questions will be generated as there are answers. That is the nature of assessment. We are already as good a college with good facilities and a good faculty; however, there is always room for improvement. With the cooperative effort of students, faculty, and administrators, we can do it.

Coming Attractions				
Joplin	Restless Heart tomorrow 8 p.m. Taylor Auditorium	All-District Choir Saturday 8 p.m. Taylor Auditorium	Ray Stevens Nov. 5 8 p.m. Memorial Hall	Kansas Nov. 10 8 p.m. Memorial Hall
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Tennis star Adriana Rodriguez, a freshman tennis player at Southern, survived the 1985 earthquake in Mexico.

Rodriguez betters her English skill

Freshman Southern student from Mexico City recalls earthquake

BY DONALD ABERNATHY
STAFF WRITER

She came to Missouri Southern on a tennis scholarship, but her main desire was to learn more English.

"I told my father that I wanted to come to America to learn how to speak English better," said Adriana Rodriguez.

"There were several tennis coaches in Mexico City, where I lived, watching several players," said the freshman. "I was introduced to a coach from this area, and he had me write letters to colleges here in Missouri. After some time the coach here at Southern wrote back and invited me to play."

Rodriguez's family, which consists of three sisters and her parents, still lives in Mexico City. They all play tennis at a nearby country club.

"I started playing tennis with my younger sister and my father when I was six," added Rodriguez. "Now that's not bad company. My sister is ranked No. 1 in Mexico nationally, and my father has taught us everything we know. I've learned a lot from my father; he's a great player."

She has lived almost her entire life in Mexico City, other than a few vacations to places like Cancun, for instance. She went there to visit her aunt and spend time with her cousins, but she ended up meeting one of her dearest friends.

"We never get to see one another," said Rodriguez of her best friend. "We just write and call on special occasions. I en-

joy the time we spend together. We really have a lot in common."

Another trip Rodriguez took was a short family drive to the pyramids just outside Mexico City.

"That trip was wonderful," she said. "I never really knew how big those things were. We got to walk around on them, and we got to look inside one smaller one. I was really amazed. I can't imagine how long it took to build them."

falling over. The teachers were trying to clear everyone out, but it was so crowded no one would listen."

The aftermath of an earthquake is often the worst part. It not only causes physical damage to the city, but also emotional damage to the people.

"There were city streets blocked because of fallen buildings, and there were people crying everywhere," Rodriguez said. "I was personally lucky."

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—Adriana Rodriguez, Southern tennis player

In 1985 Mexico City experienced an earthquake that shattered the city. Rodriguez remembers it well.

"I was sitting in school at about 7:25 in the morning," she said. "The building began to shake, a low rumbling noise was coming through the ground, and people were screaming everywhere. I had no idea what was happening. I guess I was just too shocked to stop and think."

"My high school was just three stories tall, so we were in no danger of the school

cause not only was my house and school untouched, but not one of my family members were hurt."

"I will never forget the little girl who came to our school a couple of days after the earthquake and her story. She was to school on the day it struck and saw the entire school fall over. She was emotionally hurt because she couldn't stand left alone. There had to be someone with her all the time."

Stokes remembers not making high school student council

BY SARA WOODS
CHART REPORTER

After failing in four attempts to be elected to the Wyandotte [Okla.] High School student council, most individuals would probably give up.

However, Robert Stokes, now president of the Missouri Southern Student Senate, believes his losses have led to his successes.

"It [losing] was humbling, but not devastating. Most people are all out to win," said Stokes, a senior mathematics major. "I've learned much more from losing than winning."

He also is president of Math Club, vice president of Omicron Delta Kappa (an honorary fraternity), and has been a member of the honors student advisory committee for three years.

Stokes makes detailed plans in charting his goals and believes in setting them high. "When you fall short, you still end up fairly high," he said.

Stokes gained much leadership exper-

ience through his student and alumni involvement in the Technological Student Association. The organization sponsors high school competitions in parliamentary procedure, public speaking, industrial arts, and several other events.

nator for the parliamentary procedure competition.

In his spare time, Stokes likes to play racquetball, bridge, and other card games. He likes racquetball because "it's one on one. I'm super competitive, but I

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—Robert Stokes, Student Senate president

Through this group, Stokes has traveled to 27 states. While in high school, he served as national president of the organization. He now serves as national alumni adviser, state leadership consultant for Oklahoma TSA, script chairman for the national convention, and coordi-

don't care that much whether I win."

In January, Stokes married Lynnette Morgan, a senior chemistry major and fellow honors student.

Stokes is pleased with his education at Southern. He says the College is "underrated."

"We don't have the diversity that some universities have, yet we have programs that are stronger than those at SMSU, MU, and other institutions," said Stokes. He describes the faculty as "real people" who are highly accessible.

Although he will not be affected by it, Stokes believes the most detrimental decision that has been made at Southern since he came here is the increase in the grade-point average requirements for graduating with honors. He said the changes "make the College look like it [the course work] is so easy that you have to make a ridiculous GPA for it to be an honor."

After graduating, Stokes plans to pursue master's and doctorate degrees in mathematics and teach on the college level.

Aside from his interest in mathematics, Stokes is drawn to teaching because of his need to work with people.

"I have this fear of being stuck in an office—just me and a pencil," he said.



Robert Stokes



Seeing double Southern freshmen Terry and Don Doss take advantage of being twins by fooling friends.

Homecoming/From Page 1

While she was a junior at Monett High School, she came in second runner-up in the Monett Lions Club Pageant. In high school she also served as president of the Future Business Leaders of America and played on the volleyball team.

Sligar's decision to come to Southern was simple enough, she said. She wanted a small college close to her hometown. Familiarity with the College also played a role in her final selection.

"I think all of the people have been

really friendly," Sligar said. "The small college and the class sizes were important to me."

"I felt like I would be lost at a larger college."

Since coming to Southern in the fall of 1985, Sligar has been active in the American Society for Personnel Administration, the Residence Hall Association, and the Student Senate.

After graduating in May, Sligar and her fiancée, Jeff Hobson, plan to marry in

June. Hobson, a 1988 Southern criminal justice graduate, works in Overland Park, Kan.

"He's got a job in Overland Park, so I'll be moving up there," Sligar said. "Hopefully, I'll get a job in the Kansas City area."

Sligar is not certain of what aspect of management she will end up in.

"I'm not real targeted on any one area, but I'm interested in hotel management," she said.

Doss twins use similarities to fool friends, each other

Two Southern students have 'corny' sense of humor

BY PAMELA CHONG
CHART REPORTER

The Doss Twins, Terry and Don, are both freshmen at Missouri Southern, and they are both endowed with a "wayward and corny" sense of humor.

Twins have always held a certain fascination for humankind, and Terry and Don have their share of "twin stories" to tell.

"We do a lot of 'fun things' together, many of which only identical twins like us can do," said Don.

When they were in grade school, the twins had their classmates believing they were quadruplets.

"We had everyone thinking there were four of us," said Terry. "There was Don, there was me, and we made up Larry and John."

"It was really funny," Don added. "We had everyone so confused."

The twins also recalled the time when their parents bought them matching cowboy hats. Terry took his off and put it on Don's head.

"I wanted to see how I looked in it," said Terry.

Terry and Don were born to Terry and Ruby Doss almost 19 years ago. An older sister, Teresa, was born four years earlier.

The twins fooled not only other people, but also each other.

Don remembers an incident in high school. "Terry started a push fight by shoving some people in the hallways," he said, "and later they would shove me thinking I was Terry, and I wouldn't for the life of me know what was going on."

Contrary to popular belief, the twins have not experienced paranormal, tele-

pathic coincidences.

"The closest we've come to that is getting the same scores on assessments," said Terry.

As they grew up, Terry and Don, most teenagers, started to want to establish their own identities.

"We stopped using our looking to pull people's legs," said Don.

And we even started to avoid each other in the halls," added Terry.

However, since coming to Southern, they have stopped keeping their distance.

"I guess we had gotten over that," said Don, "and were ready to stop playing twins again."

Although they do not fool people their identities anymore, their sense of humor still prompts them into various adventures.

"We took a girl 'snipe hunting' one day," said Terry. "It was great fun. She was new to the area and didn't know snipe hunting was."

"We told her that snipes were birds that one catches in a sack," said Don. "so we brought her out late at night to the woods nearby and let her sit there till after midnight, holding the sack and whistling for snipes, while we hid some distance away and waited for the house."

"She had a good laugh with us when we finally brought her back in and she had been fooled," said Terry.

The twins' tastes in music lie in rock and roll, especially heavy metal. Don has a collection of Ozzy Osborne cassette tapes.

Terry also owns a Mustang, but the black one with T-tops, while Don's Mustang has a sun roof.

Borucki juggles soccer with family obligations

ANASTASIA UMLAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Juggling four "occupations" can be difficult for anyone. But for Keith Borucki, a senior soccer player at Missouri Southern, it's not hard, just time consuming.

"I get so caught up sometimes that I don't have time for anything," Borucki said.

Borucki's "occupations" include student, athlete, husband, and father.

Borucki began his soccer career in his hometown of Birby, Okla., at the age of 10. He saw an ad in a local newspaper announcing the organization of a soccer league at his elementary school.

"I told my mom I wanted to join," he said. "I thought soccer would be like boxing."

After discovering the "true" meaning of soccer, Borucki developed a love for the sport and continued to play throughout high school and college.

"When I first began playing at Southern," he said, "the seniors on the team really inspired me to work hard and be the best I could."

This season, Borucki has assumed the responsibility as a tri-captain for the team. Jack Spurlin, head coach, thought Borucki would provide a sense of leader-

ship for the team.

"Keith is really devoted to soccer and the team," said Spurlin. "He provides a lot of motivation and enthusiasm for the team."

Borucki said he did not come to Southern with the intention of playing soccer, but decided to play after seeing what a good program Southern had to offer.

"I only played about six games my freshman year, and then I got hurt and had to sit out the rest of the season."

After Borucki recovered, he continued to excel. He earned the soccer Lions' 110 percent award for the next two seasons.

Borucki, his wife, Amber, and their two children, Alexandra and Keith Jr., live in Joplin. Borucki credits his wife for providing support and understanding. She decorated Southern's soccer field to boost the team's spirits for the Rockhurst game.

"She and the kids are at every home game," he said. "Without her, I wouldn't be able to play soccer and go to school."

Borucki devotes some 18 hours per week to soccer. The majority of his "off" time is spent in the classroom or studying.

After graduation in May, he plans to get a job in an accounting firm and try to stay involved with soccer.

"I will probably play soccer 'til I die," he said. "I would like to join an adult league or something."



Juggler Soccer player Keith Borucki juggles the responsibilities of athlete, student, husband, and father.

My Opinion



Here's a look at sports elsewhere

Homecoming is over for one more year, and the soccer and volleyball teams are gearing up for the playoffs. It looks like as good a time as any to look at what is going on in sports elsewhere.

One rumor I have been hearing is that Pittsburg State football coach Dennis Franchione is bound for either Kansas or Kansas State at the end of the season. This is not the first time Franchione has been linked with a NCAA Division I team, but it will be interesting to see if he would be willing to leave his virtual dynasty to "move up" to the big time.

Kansas and Kansas State get routed by some of the best teams in the country. If he were to leave, this would be the year to do it—Pitt State, like us, is moving up to NCAA Division II and the MIAA next year.

Another interesting story is the continuing saga of the NCAA's refusal to set up a playoff system for Division I football teams. The issue has died a bit in recent years simply because in the last two seasons, bowl officials have been able to create a game matching the "Number One" and "Number Two" teams: Miami and Oklahoma last January and Miami and Penn State in 1987.

This year I don't think it is going to happen. UCLA, Notre Dame, and USC are the top three teams, according to the Associated Press (AP) poll. USC will play both of them before the regular season ends. Should USC lose to both UCLA and Notre Dame, which is not unlikely, a bowl game between UCLA and Notre Dame would be impossible due to the Bruins' long-standing commitment to the Rose Bowl. The Fighting Irish, not being a member of the Big 10 conference, would not be eligible to attend.

Why isn't there a playoff system? The other Division I big-ticket sport, men's basketball, has a tournament that is the highlight of the sport's season. It is one of the biggest events in all of sports. Baseball and women's basketball also have successful tournaments, as do Division II football, men's and women's volleyball.

Division I football is the only NCAA-sanctioned sport that does not have some sort of national championship. Instead of playoffs, they leave it to a sportswriters poll. There are no Cinderellas in a poll, that's for sure. And as for accuracy, talk to the Florida State team.

The Seminoles were ranked number five in the AP poll two weeks ago, and were astonished when last Monday's poll moved them down in number seven after a convincing victory. About a day later, the reason was discovered—one sportswriter accidentally left FSU completely off his ballot—the result, a two-notch drop. Defenders of the poll said it would rectify itself by this week, but since most voters fill out their ballots based on their previous one, the Seminoles found themselves at number six. This wouldn't be a big deal in any other sport, but here it would be a significant loss in the chase for the mythical championship.

In the NFL, they have a real championship, but the problem this year is that all the good teams are in the NFC. Bengal and Bill fans will disagree, but they should remember that the two have piled up lousy 7-1 records by beating teams mostly from within their conference. Teams like the Saints, Rams, 49ers, Redskins, and even the Giants, Eagles, and Vikings would all be doing better if they didn't have to play against each other. The next Super Bowl winner will be one of the first four teams named in the beginning of this paragraph.

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Big reception

Freshman Rod Smith (9) makes a reception near the goal line in last Saturday's game against Washburn.

Lions expect No. 2 seeding in upcoming tournament

Southern ends regular season Saturday against SMSU

ANASTASIA UMLAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Coming out of a "rut," the Missouri Southern soccer team upped its record to 11-2-3 with a 3-1 road victory against Missouri Valley Saturday.

"We should not have even let them score one goal," said Jack Spurlin, head coach.

Despite the poor conditions of the field, the Lions took advantage of the windy day by using the elements to help score. The field condition makes a world of difference to the outcome of the game," Spurlin said. "I am proud that our maintenance department keeps our field in such good condition."

In his first appearance since a serious injury, freshman Brad Erwin made his mark by scoring one of the Lions' goals. Senior Keith Borucki was injured during the first half, but continued to play in the second half. Sophomore Tom Schuler played until the final 15 minutes of the second half, and after his departure Erwin was without its main defensive players.

"I think the team still performed excellent, even though there were certain setbacks," said Spurlin.

Following last week's schedule, Southern sophomore Shaun Owens was named District 16 player of the week.

With the game behind them, the Lions are gearing up for the district tournament that begins Tuesday.

The team has been playing excellent soccer," Spurlin said. "This will be an important part of the season."

Prior to district play, the Lions will host Northwest Missouri State University in a 7 p.m. contest Saturday.

Of course, we want to beat SMSU

because of pride," Spurlin said, "but we are more concerned with districts."

Spurlin said the team is excited about the upcoming games. He also expects Southern to be seeded second for the district tournament.

"The soccer Lions are undefeated in the district with a record of 5-0-1," he said. "The only blemish is the tie with Rockhurst."

If the Lions win Tuesday, they will play Thursday. Spurlin is not making any assumptions, but said he will just take the tournament one game at a time.

"If Rock wins this week, we will be tied with them for first seeding," he said. "But Rock will be placed first because they have scored more goals against common opponents."

The Lions have been playing without Lance Stephenson. Following an academic suspension, Southern will go without "one of their best defenders."

"It was a real blow to the team," said Spurlin. "Lance was a real asset, not just as a player but as a motivator as well."

Spurlin summed up his first year as head coach by calling it a "dream season."

"You just can't come in as a first-year coach and expect to do any better," he said.

Spurlin said when he accepted the position, he knew he would have much to prove to himself and others.

"I have paid my dues," he said. "I couldn't find a better group of guys."

Spurlin said the team really has a desire to go to the national tournament in Florida. If the team is invited to participate, it will be the first time in Southern's history.

"If we can keep everybody healthy for districts and area competitions, we may have a shot at Florida," he said.

Southern, Wayne to meet Lions, 2-6, close out home schedule Saturday

BY GORDON NOAH
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's match-up between Wayne State pits two teams that are similar in playing style.

On the other hand, there is at least one major difference. Wayne State is without quarterback Scott Rouse, who was injured in the final seconds of last week's 55-3 loss to Pittsburg State University.

Game time is 1:30 p.m. in Fred Hughes Stadium. It is the final home game for the Lions, who end their season next week at Missouri Western.

The Wildcats, 0-8, rank last in the conference in defense, with the Lions only slightly better. Wayne State gives up an average of 421 yards per game to Southern's 403. The Wildcats have given up 2,091 rushing yards this season for a 201.4 average per game. Wayne State has been outscored 222-47.

Southern, 2-6, is slightly better, allowing 213.8 rushing yards per game. The Lions have been outscored 156-90.

Last year when the two teams met, the Wildcats were looking for their first win in eight tries. They accomplished the feat with a 12-10 victory on a field goal with only two seconds left. The win snapped a 16-game skid for Wayne State.

The two teams do, however, possess respectable offensive attacks. Lion quarterback Alan Brown leads the CSIC in total offense as well as passing. Brown

has thrown for 2,009 yards, averaging 254 per game. Brown's top receiver is freshman Dennis Browning, who has totaled 667 yards and a whopping 17.1 yards per catch. The Lions, though, will be without the services of freshman tailback Cleon Burrell, who is out for the season with an orbital fracture.

The Wildcats would usually counter with Rouse, who has thrown for 1,248 yards, but is suffering from a broken wrist. Taking over the reigns is freshman Kirk Meyer.

"Theoretically a 2-6 team should beat an 0-8 team," said Bill Cooke, Southern head coach. "Their starting quarterback is out, so I'm sure they're going to have to water down the offense and run the ball a lot more."

"Our situation is completely opposite of Wayne State's. Their quarterback is out, so they don't know if they can throw. We know we can throw, but we don't know if we can run."

Cooke said he is confident his charges are capable of winning the game.

"If we can throw and catch, I feel confident we can win," he said. "It just depends on which defense shows up. We shut down Washburn pretty good except for about six minutes. We're always one or two plays away. We need to concentrate for a full 60 minutes."

Last week Southern dropped a 35-23 decision to Washburn in its Homecoming contest.

Volleyball team makes playoffs

Traywick says Lady Lions 'really feel fortunate'

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR

With a winning percentage below .500, the Lady Lions volleyball team is feeling fortunate to be in this weekend's NAIA District 16 tournament in St. Joseph.

Last night's loss at home to Central Missouri State University, an NCAA Division II opponent, places another black mark on the team's record as it progresses into the most "important" part of the season.

"We played better than we have been," said Debbie Traywick, head coach. "The scores don't really say much. I think because they played well, the girls will feel better as a team this weekend."

Traywick said CMSU had the advantage of size, but still believed the Lady Lions "held their own." The Lady Lions lost the match 15-10, 15-6, 15-9.

"We played a pretty aggressive match," said Karen Doak, junior. "Our team had some good defense."

This loss behind them, the Lady Lions are now concentrating on this weekend's tournament to be held at Missouri Western in St. Joseph. Traywick is expecting "stiff competition." She said the eight teams competing are the best of the 20 teams in District 16. The Lady Lions, 6-2 in the district, are seeded sixth in the tournament and will be playing Drury, Rockhurst, and Columbia College.

"I think it is good, because I really did not think we would even be in [the district tournament]," said Traywick.

According to Traywick, the eligible teams must win 40 percent of their games during the regular season in order to be invited to compete in the playoffs.

"After last week, we compiled our scores and we were right at 40 percent," Traywick said. "The girls are excited."

She said if the team plays its best volleyball, as it is capable of doing, the Lady Lions could win the tournament.

"The girls really feel fortunate they have made it to the playoffs," she said.

"This will be a whole new ballgame," said Doak. "Everyone goes in 0-0."

Tomorrow's games pit the Lady Lions against Rockhurst at 4 p.m., Columbia College at 6:30 p.m., and William Woods at 7 p.m. Traywick said the rest of the tournament will depend on the outcome of these games.

"Each pool has four teams, and the top two will go on to play on Saturday," she said.

Traywick recognized Doak for her "steady, all-around job."

"She has been doing an excellent job as an outside hitter," Traywick said.

Also mentioned were junior Fonda Montgomery and senior Angie Murphy for good work on the back row.

Traywick said the team is basically playing the same as it has all season.



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